



National Museum of African American History and Culture



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Purpose



“To help Americans remember, and by remembering stimulate a dialogue about race to help foster a spirit of reconciliation and healing.

To be a beacon for the nation that reminds us of what we were, what challenges we still face, and to point us toward what we can become”

**Dr. Lonnie Bunch, Director
National Museum of African American
History and Culture**



History

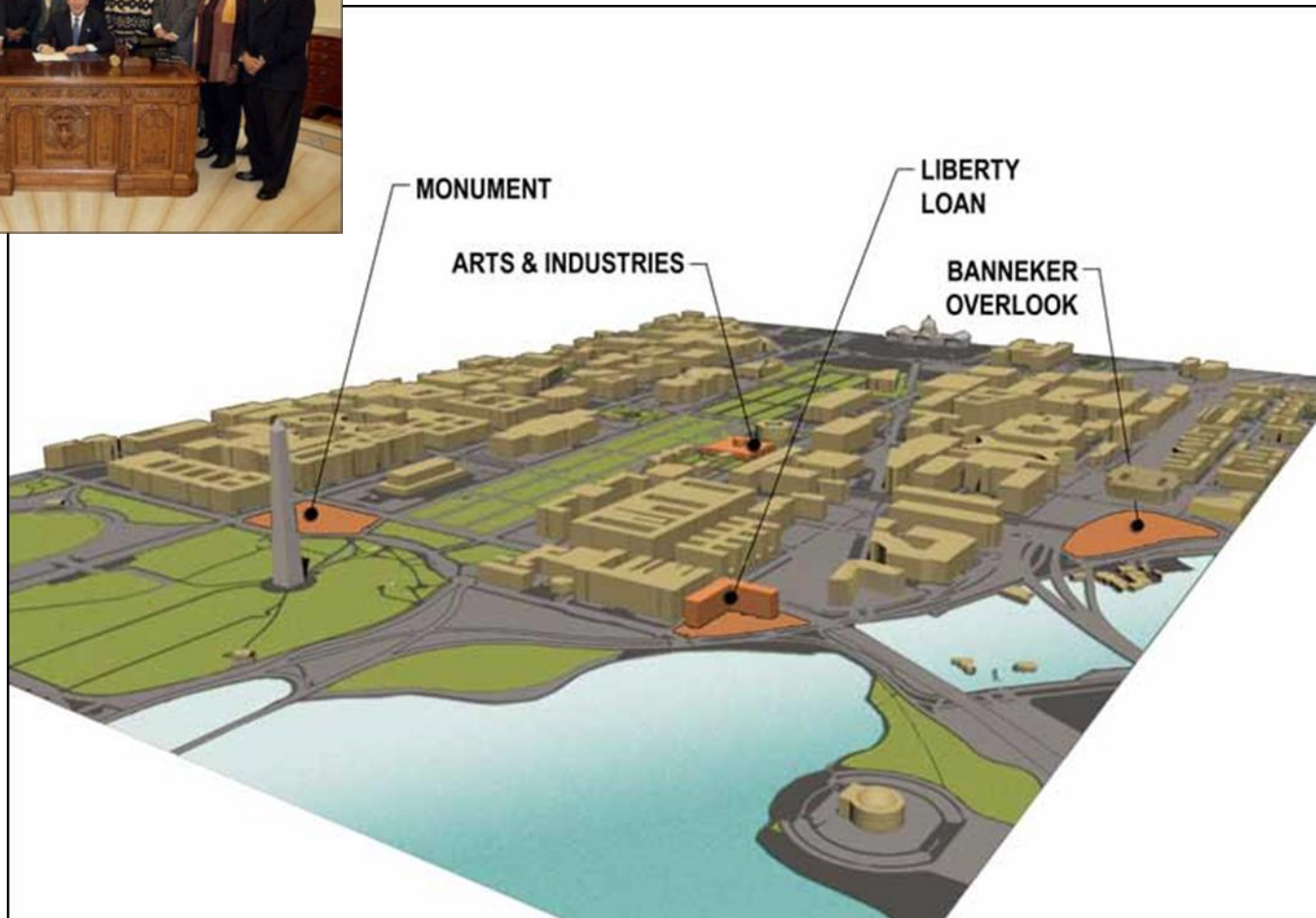
- 1865 — End of the Civil War
- 1915 — Civil War veterans
- 1965 — Voting Rights





History: Enabling Legislation

December 16, 2003



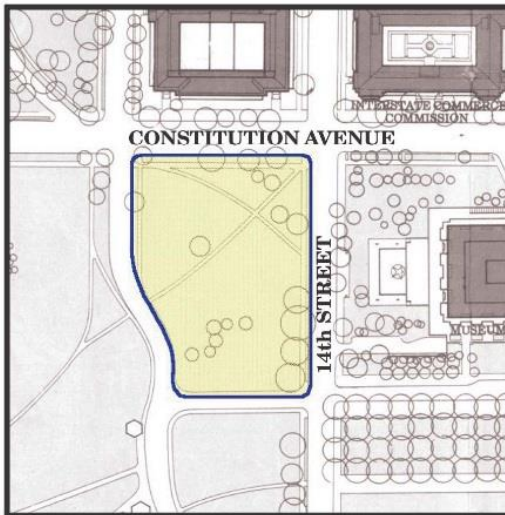
- Accommodation/Flexibility
- Urban planning context
- Project Cost/Constructability
- Compatibility; Visitation Potential
- Design opportunity/constraints
- Economic opportunities
- Access, Transportation, proximity
- Cultural & Historic Resources
- Environmental/Ecological Factors
- Safety, Security & Risk Management Factors
- Utilities



History: Site Selection

January 2006

- 2004: Smithsonian Institution Board of Regents appoints a 19 member National Museum of African American History and Culture Council
- March 2005: Dr. Lonnie bunch is named Director of the National Museum of African American History and Culture
- January 2006: The Board of Regents selects the Monument Site for the new Museum.



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Early Planning Efforts: Budget

2003 - 2015

- Enabling legislation stipulated 50% federal and 50% non-federal funds
- Council starts fundraising efforts
- Budget: \$540M
 - \$270M Federal appropriations from FY2005 through FY2015
 - \$270M Trust fund contribution
 - Includes:
 - Planning and Design
 - Construction and Construction Management
 - Commissioning
 - Exhibit Design and Fabrications

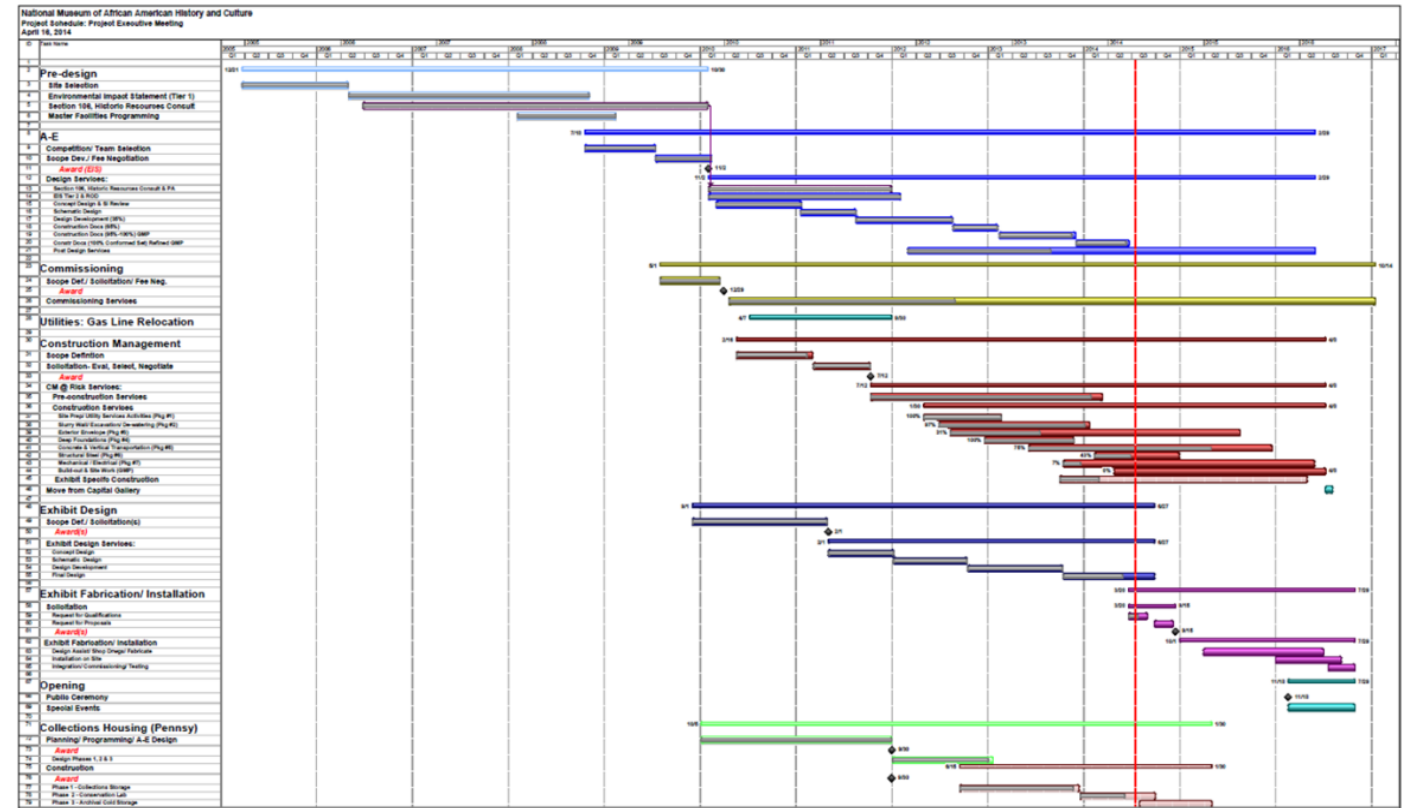




Early Planning Efforts: Schedule

2006

- Goal: Opening 2015
- Concurrent Activities:
 - Public Consultation
 - Historic Preservation Reviews
 - Environmental Impact Statement
 - Building a Collection
 - Master Facilities Planning
 - Exhibit Programming
 - AE Competition and Selection
 - Building Design
 - Gas Line Relocation
 - Selection of Constructor-CM@Risk
 - Construction
 - Commissioning
 - Exhibit Design
 - Exhibit Fabrication and Installation
 - Off-Site Collection Facilities





Early Planning Efforts: Public Consultation Begins

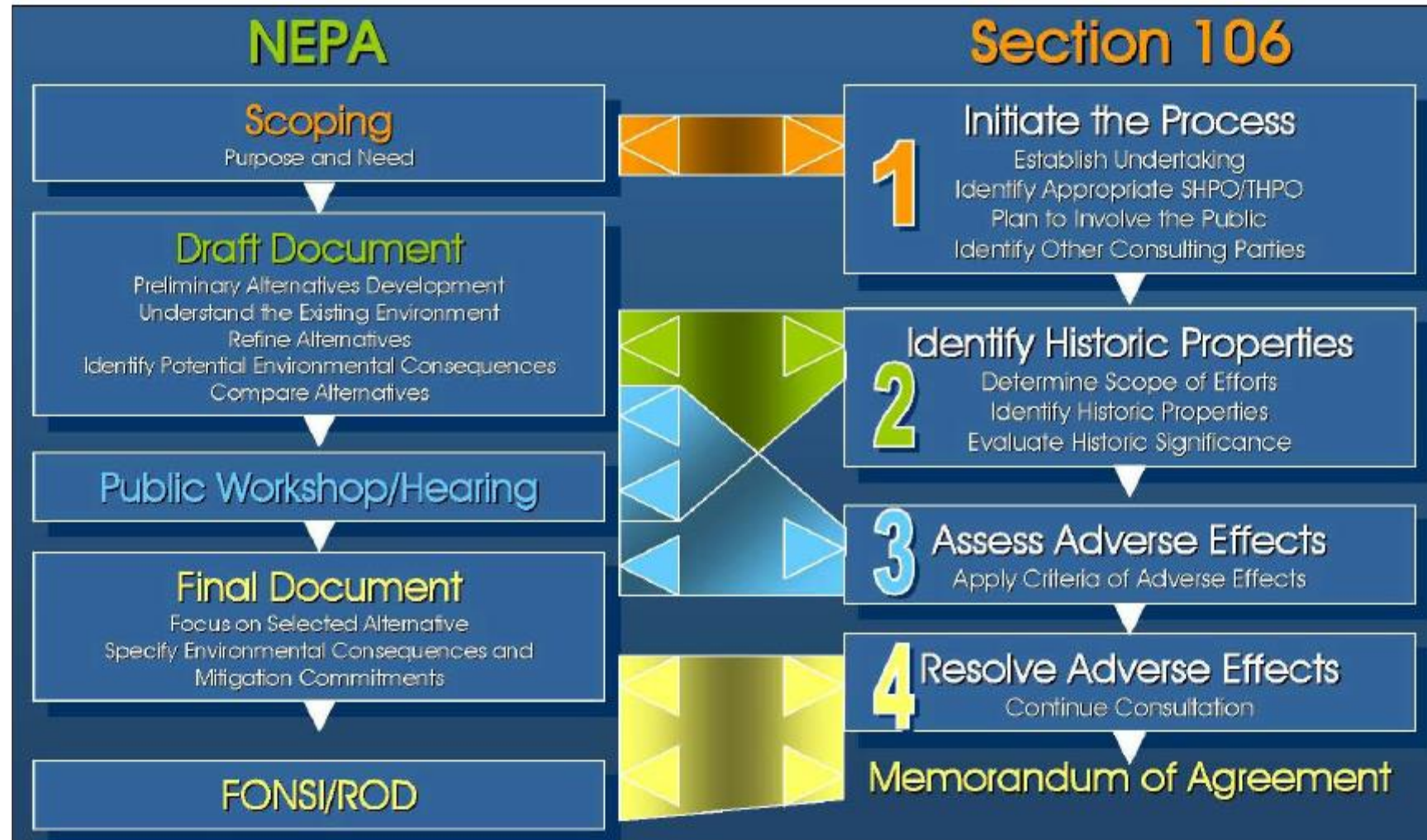
2006





Early Planning Efforts: Historic Preservation and EIS

2006 - 2011





Early Planning Efforts: Public Engagement

2006



Public Engagement with Stakeholders and General Public

- American Association of Museums
- Organization of American Historians
- National Association of Counties





Early Planning Efforts: Collections Building

2007 - 2008





PRE-DESIGN: Programming

2007- 2008

Master Facilities Programming:

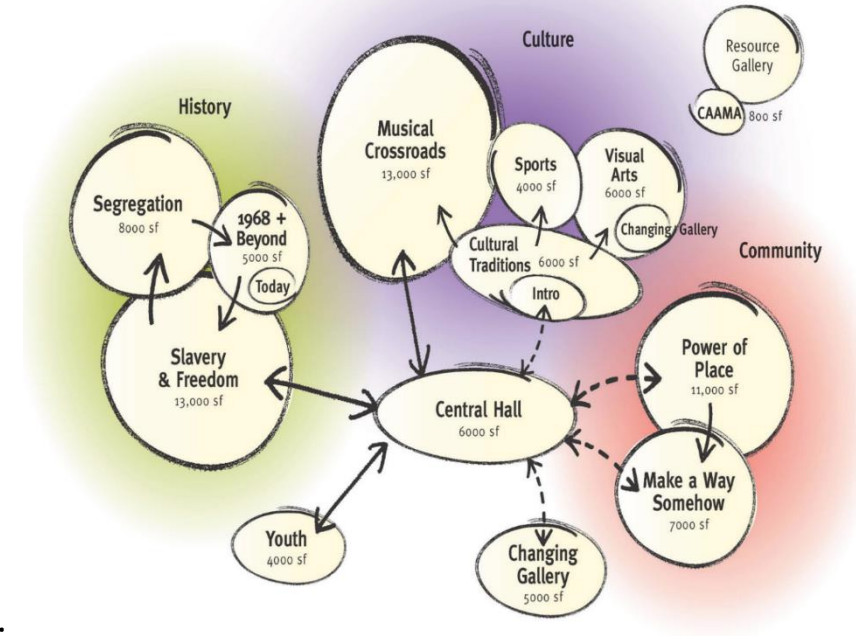
- People
- Collections
- Facilities



Freelon Bond: The Freelon Group, Davis Brody Bond, Lord Cultural Resources and Amaze Design

Responsible for:

- Visitation Estimates
- Audience Research
- Public Engagement and Outreach
- Exhibition Master Planning
- Collections and General Museum Requirements
- Site Analysis
- Facilities Program





PRE-DESIGN: EIS Tier 1 - Design Alternatives

2007- 2008

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ALTERNATIVES



	Contextual Building Alignment	Washington Monument Orientation	Free Form	Terraced Roof	Enframing	Low Profile
Height	75'	90'	105'	90'	90'	60'
Floors Above Grade	5	6	7	6	6 2	4
Floors Below Grade	2	2	3	1	2	3
Total GSF	415,000 gsf	376,000 gsf	411,000 gsf	385,500 gsf	430,000 gsf	350,000gsf

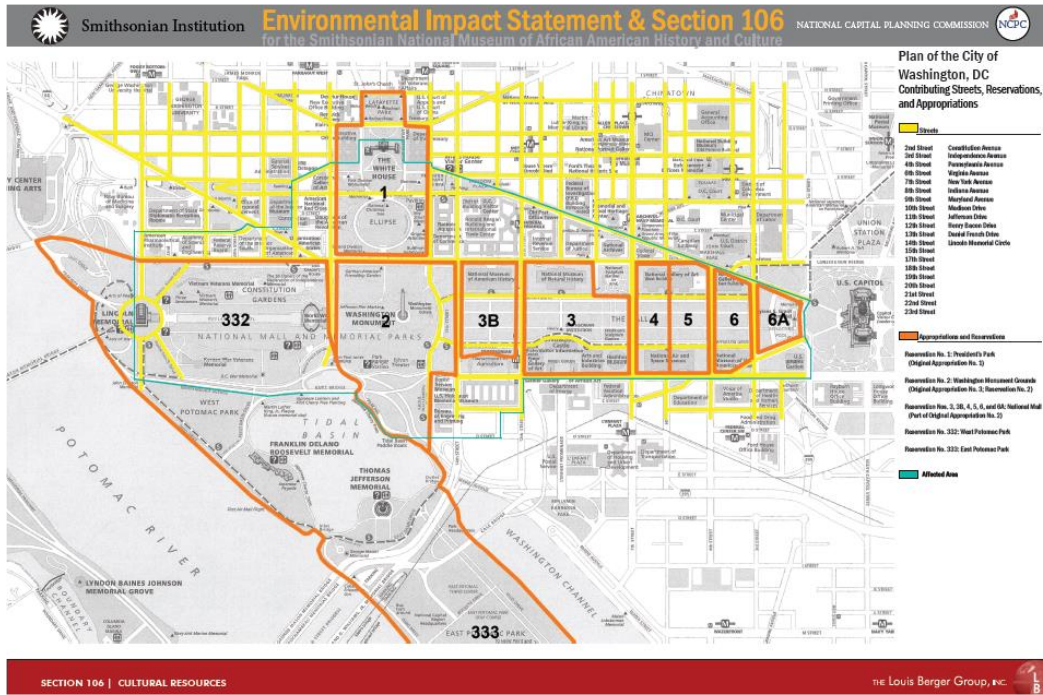
For planning purposes the alternatives use a generic 15 foot floor to floor height





PRE-DESIGN: EIS Tier II & Section 106

2008 - 2011



Results:

- Size of Building above ground; 216'x216'
- Height of Building < Commerce Building
- Setback increased to the South for Monument view while respecting McMillan setbacks
- Site/Landscape; fluid movement across site
- Pavilion on a glass base for at grade views
- Corona, porch, water feature designs and materials refined

Over 5 years of Consulting Parties and Agency Meetings
Development of Design Principles to Guide design
Sensitivity to Urban Context
Mall Context
Washington Monument Context
Archeology and Photo Documentation completed



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PRE-DESIGN: Design Competition

2009



“We are not building the Model”

- 60% Design
Demonstrated understanding of mission, design principles and physical design parameters, program, building technology, security and sustainability.
- 40% Teamwork
Design process, methodology collaborative process and contribution of all team members.



PRE-DESIGN: Design Competition

2009



Devreaux and Purnell



Freelon Adjaye Bond/SmithGroup




Diller Scofidio Renfro



Moody Nolan/Antoine
Predock



Foster and Partners
 **Smithsonian Institution**



Safdie Architects



DESIGN: Design Selection

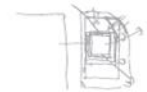
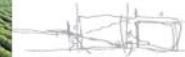
2009



Place of Inspiration reflecting African American
Resiliency and Spirituality

Three Irreducible Elements: Corona
Porch
Color/Materiality

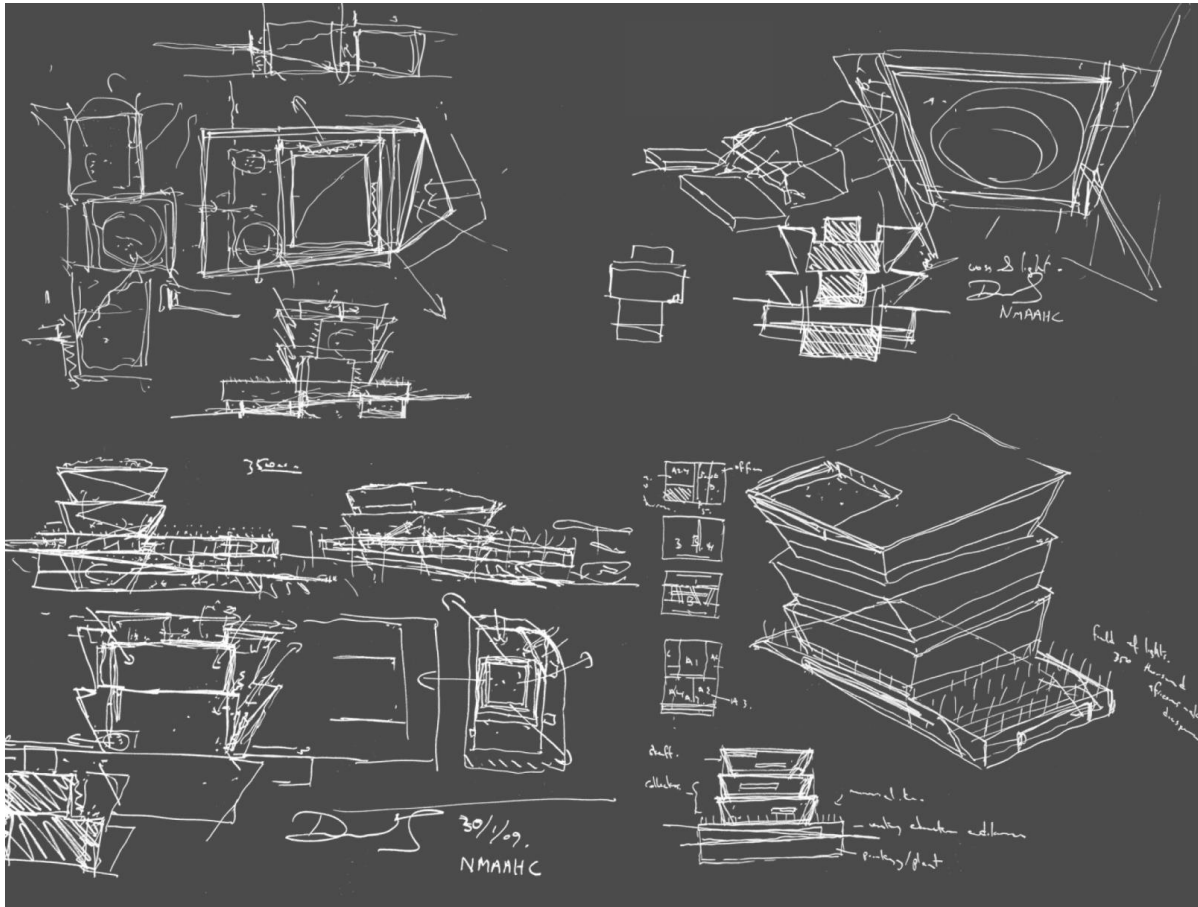
Four Pillars: Learning
American History
International Considerations
Collaboration





DESIGN: Design Concepts

2010



Starts:
January 2010

Presentations
to Agencies:
2010 - 2011

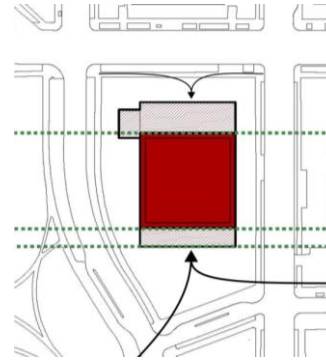
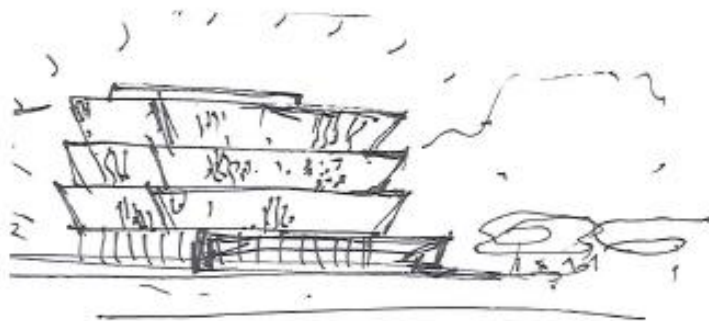
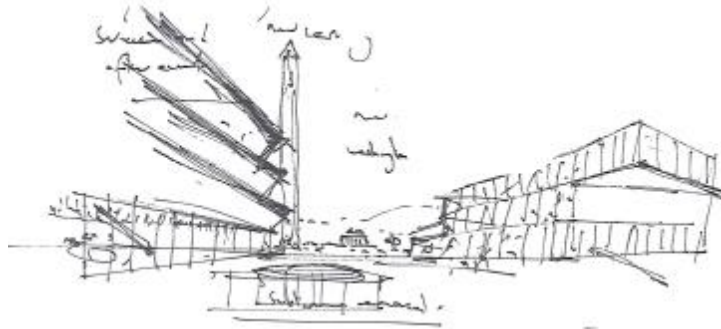
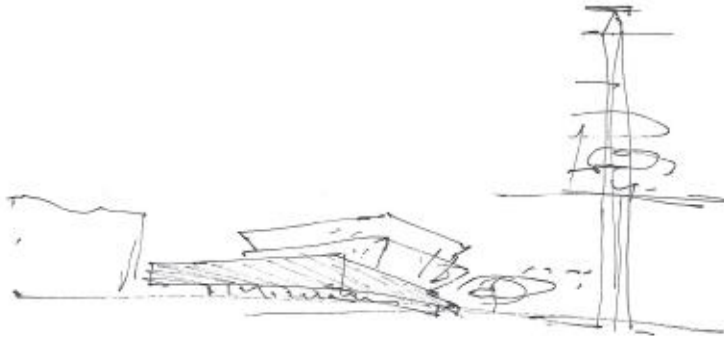
Approval of
Concept
Design:
March 2011



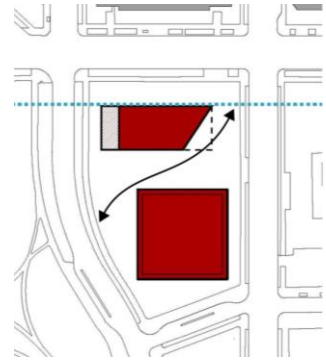


DESIGN: Design Alternatives

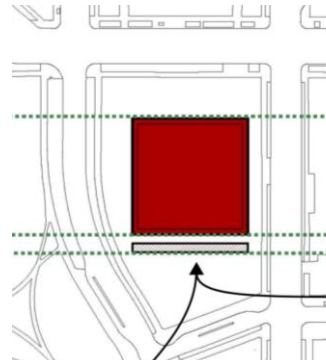
2010 - 2011



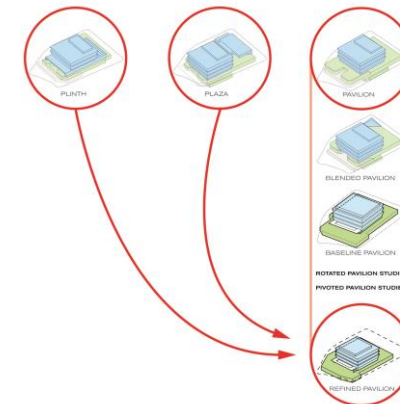
The Plinth



The Plaza



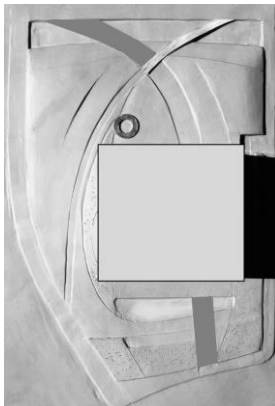
The Pavilion





DESIGN: Site Studies: CFA, NPS

2010 - 2011





DESIGN: Structure

2010 - 2011

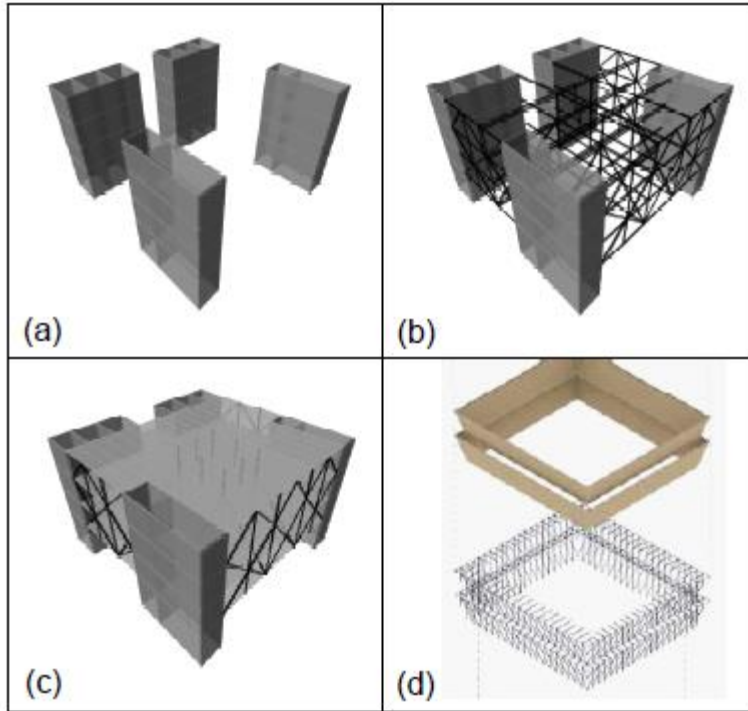


Figure 1 Primary components of corona structure in all three schemes

Main Elements:

- Four Pillars (4 Cores)
- Deep steel trusses spanning between the four cores in the corona
- Corona floor framing and slabs supported by the deep steel trusses
- Façade structure supported at roof level
- Two below-grade floors
- Foundations
- Materials: Steel above grade and Concrete below





DESIGN: Sustainability

2010 - 2011



Sustainability “is not a line item”

Main Goal:

1. Passive Design
2. Maximize potential of Corona -
3. Develop a comprehensive water management strategy
4. Understand energy drivers for the Museum
5. Specify simple systems that can be maintained efficiently (geothermal later explored but discarded).
6. Use daylight

Obtain LEED GOLD at a Minimum!!



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DESIGN: Landscape

2010 - 2011



Shrubs and Perennial Plantings



Hardscape Gatherings
in the Landscape



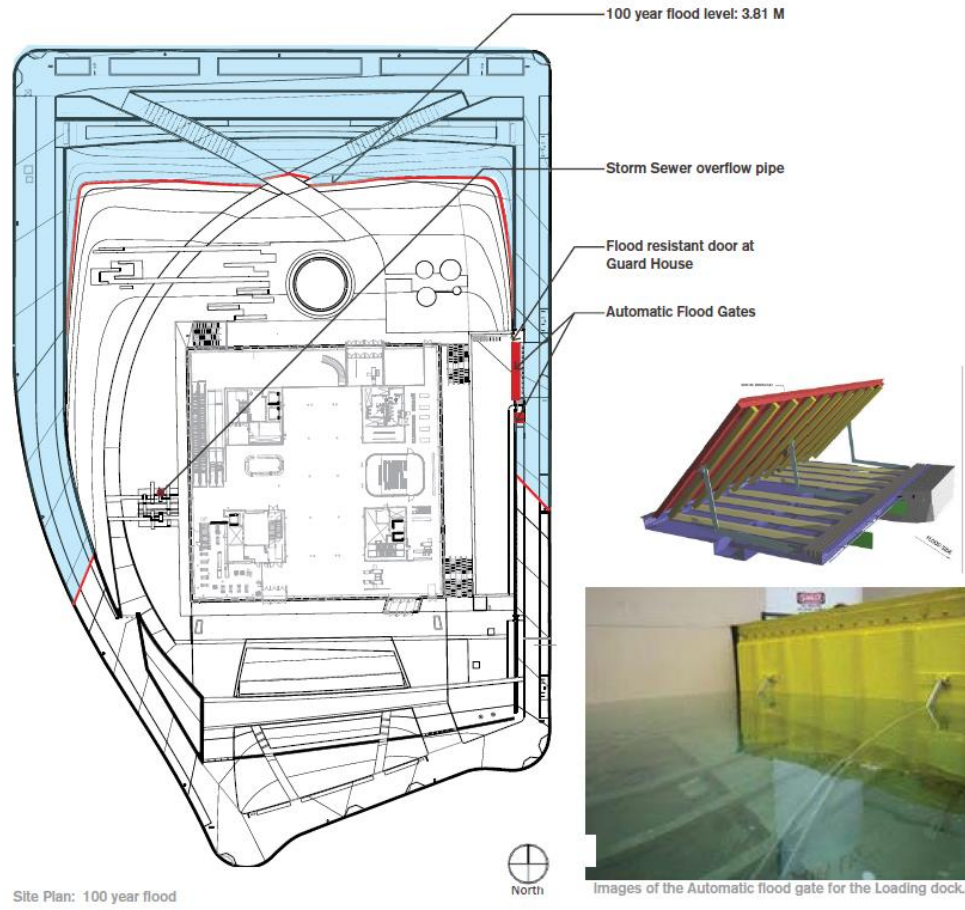
Views approaching
Constitution Avenue
from 14th Street



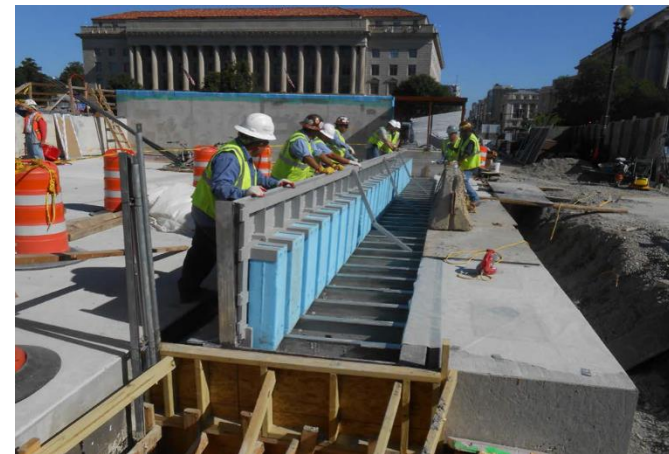


DESIGN: Flood Control

2010 - 2011



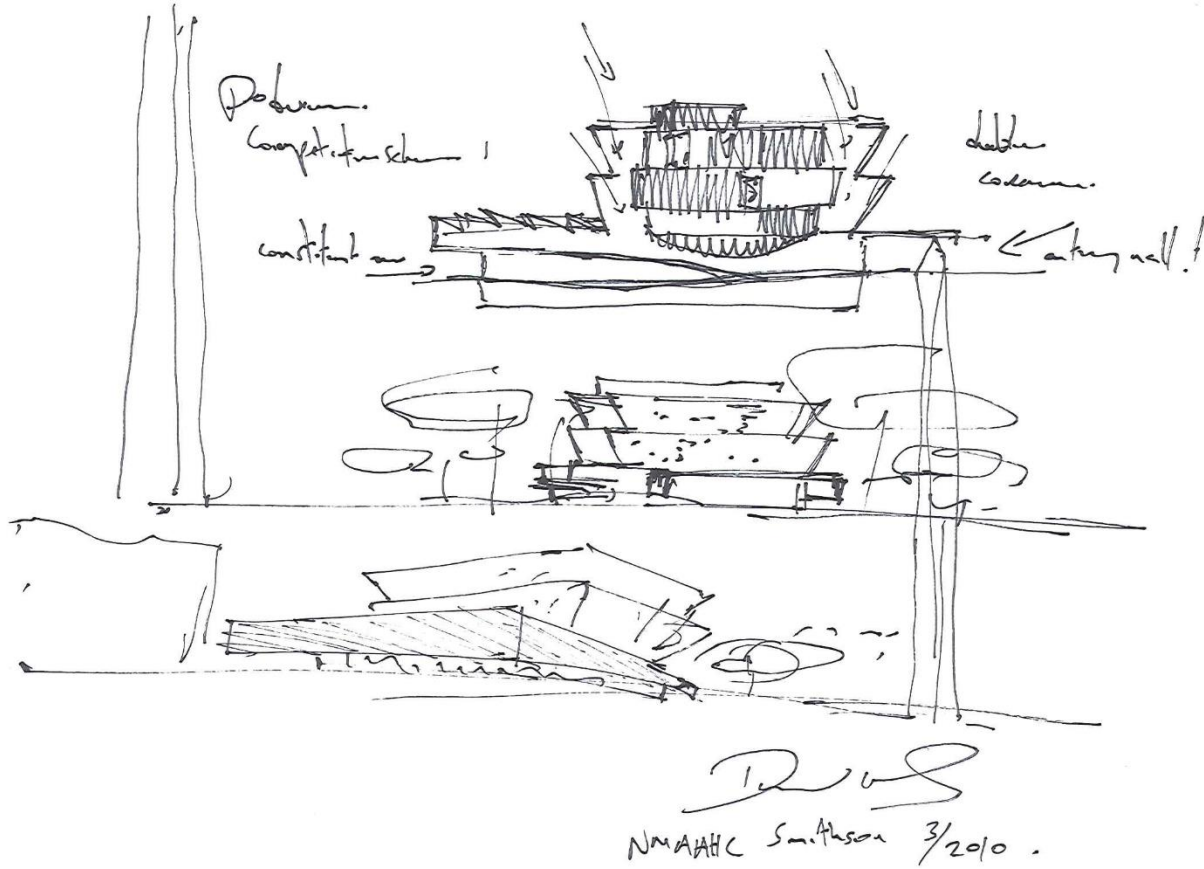
Years Later:
Final Installation





DESIGN: Presentations to CFA and NCPC

2011





CHALLENGES: Schedule, Funding and Appropriations

2005 - 2015

Schedule:

Opening Date established: November 2015

Funding:

First Federal Capital appropriation 2005

Last Federal Capital appropriation 2015

Continuous Fundraising in unpredictable amounts

Challenge:

Find Construction Delivery Method that would allow us to meet the schedule and meet commitments to the Contractor

Solution:

Design team to provide Construction Documents in packages to accelerate schedule and correspond to the funds available.





CHALLENGE: Construction Delivery Methodology

2010 - 2011

Project Delivery System Matrix			
Contract Vehicle	Positive Attributes	Negative Attributes	Mitigation Strategies
Design Build	Eliminates most errors and omissions	Owner does not have 100% control of the design of the project	Provide a good set of design criteria and standards
	Faster design (subcontractor input)	Owner does not have control of the fix to deal with errors and omissions	Req. DB to submit a systems narrative with proposal
	Facilitates fast-tracking (fastest del.)	DB has incentive to reduce quality to gain additional savings	Limit the amount of shared savings
	Facilitates early procurement of long lead items		Aggressive QA by owner reps
	Single source of responsibility (Adm)		Req. BIM
	Greatest flexibility for changes		Adequate contingency funds
	Better integration of proprietary systems		
	Under a GPM - greatest flexibility for cost and budget management		
	Incentives to deliver the project below cost (guarantee maximum price / share savings clauses)		
	Partnering relationship		
CM at Risk	Reduces errors and omissions	Limited or no opportunity for fast tracking	Req partnering sessions
	Predictable project costs	Limited flexibility	Req. ADR
	Flexibility to pursue a design - bid - build strategy	Some owner responsibility for errors and omissions	Req. BIM
	Some incentive to deliver the project below cost (GMP -shared savings)	Limited subcontractor input in design	Adequate contingency funds
	Owner has 100% control of design		
	Owner has control of fix to deal with errors and omissions		
	Partnering relationship		
	Faster project delivery (no sol.for GC req.)		
Design Bid Build	Most prevalent (traditional delivery)	Owner responsible for errors and omissions	Req. partnering sessions
	100% control of design	Little flexibility	Req. ADR
	100% control of fix for design errors and omissions	Little opportunity for fast tracking	Provide for independent peer review of the design documents
	Predictable initial project costs (fixed)	No integration of proprietary systems	Req. BMI
		Adversarial relations (greater adm)	Adequate contingency funds
		No subcontractor input in design	
		Little opportunity for early purchase of long lead items	
		Longest project delivery	



CHALLENGE: Construction Delivery Methodology

2010 - 2011

We also looked at:

- Integrated Project Delivery (IPD) – Contracting Issues

Participated in Forum through Associated General Contractors

Conducted surveys with other owners and owners' reps, and selected:

- Construction Management at Risk (CMc)
 - Construction Manager takes risk of building the project
 - A-E remains under separate contract to the Owner
 - Overlapping phases

Analyzed methods and risks based on Smithsonian past experience as well as that of other agencies/owners

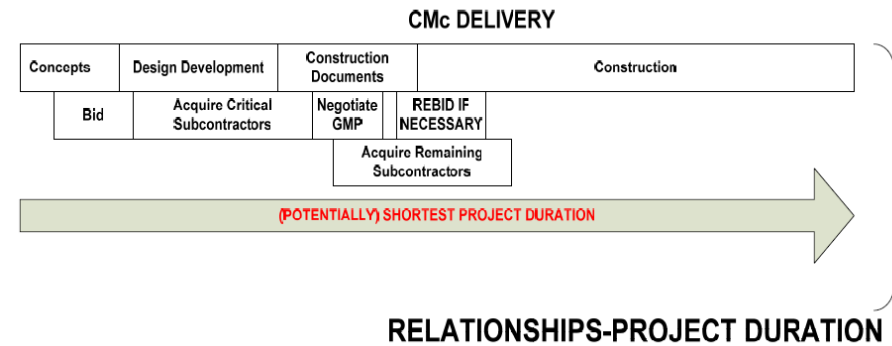




CONSTRUCTION: CMc@Risk

2010 - 2011

- Schedule Advantage:
 - CMc Delivery:
 - Start late 2012
 - End late 2015/early 2016
 - Design/Bid/Build Delivery:
 - End-to-end design: complete late 2013
 - Construction complete 2017
- Cost Control:
 - Pre-Design Services and Reviews
 - GMP
 - Schedule/Cost Control





CONSTRUCTION: CMc @ Risk Selection

2010 - 2011

CMc @ Risk Delivery:

- Issue Concept Design with RFP
- CM selected through “best value” process
- Initial awarded for pre-construction services
- Cost verification for Concept Design
- Multiple package fast track delivery
- Shared savings provision
- Clark Smoot Russell contracted, 2011





DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION: Schedule Check-Up

2011

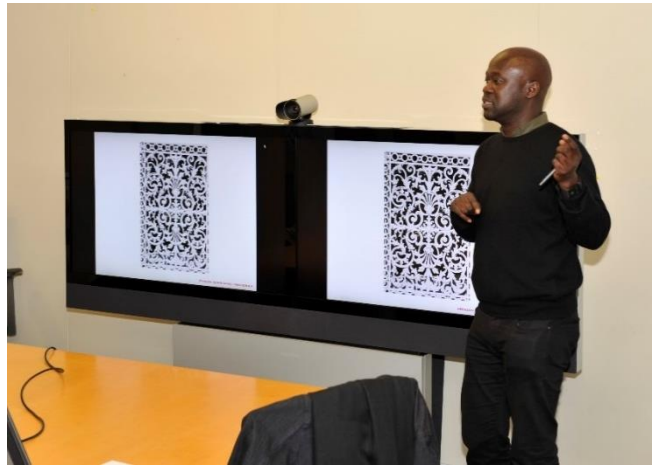
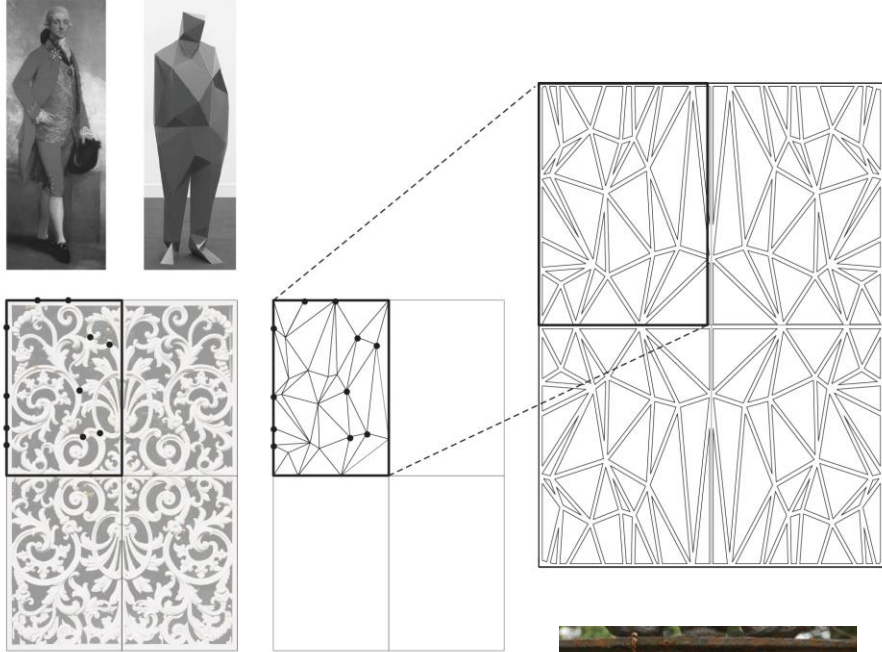
- January 2010: Concept Design Start
- October 2010: Submission of Concept to SI
- November 2010: Schematic Design Starts
Site Acoustic Reports, Groundwater Sampling Reports, etc.
- January 2011 – 65% SD Docs for CxAgent
- March 17, 2011 First Design Package and Concept Approval by CFA/NCPC
- April 1, 2011 – Schematic Design Submission to SI





DESIGN: Corona

2011





DESIGN: Corona

2011



78% SURFACE

82% SURFACE

89% SURFACE

94% SURFACE





CHALLENGE: Design Assist for Exterior Enclosure

2012

- Design assist evolution - panels:

Corona Panel

Panel Samples:
Ultra High Performance Concrete



- Ultra high performance concrete (UHPC)

Corona Panel

Panel Samples:
Stamped Bronze Steel



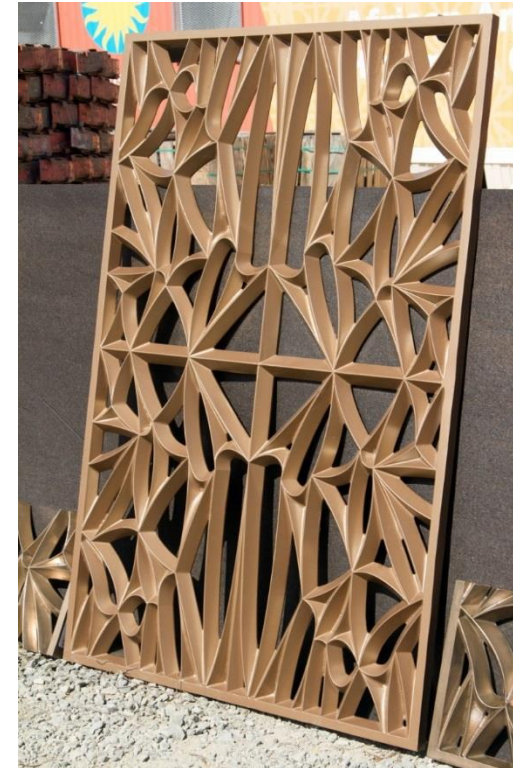
- Stamped metal

Corona Panel

Panel Samples:
Cast Bronze



- Cast bronze



Cast aluminum with PVDF finish





CHALLENGE: Design Assist for Exterior Enclosure

2012



- Reflectance
- Material
- Weight
- Maintenance





CHALLENGE: Design Assist for Exterior Enclosure

2014



“Custom Artisan PVDF
Panel Finish”



Commission of Fine Arts & National Capital
Planning Commission final approval March 2014





EXHIBIT DESIGN: Selection of Exhibit Designer

2011



Scholarly Advisory Board



- Engagement of Exhibit Designer: Ralph Applebaum
- The Museum acquires a Jim Crow Railroad Car
- Collaboration between David Adjaye and Raph Applebaum begins, and
- In July 2011, a new Concept for the History Galleries is born...

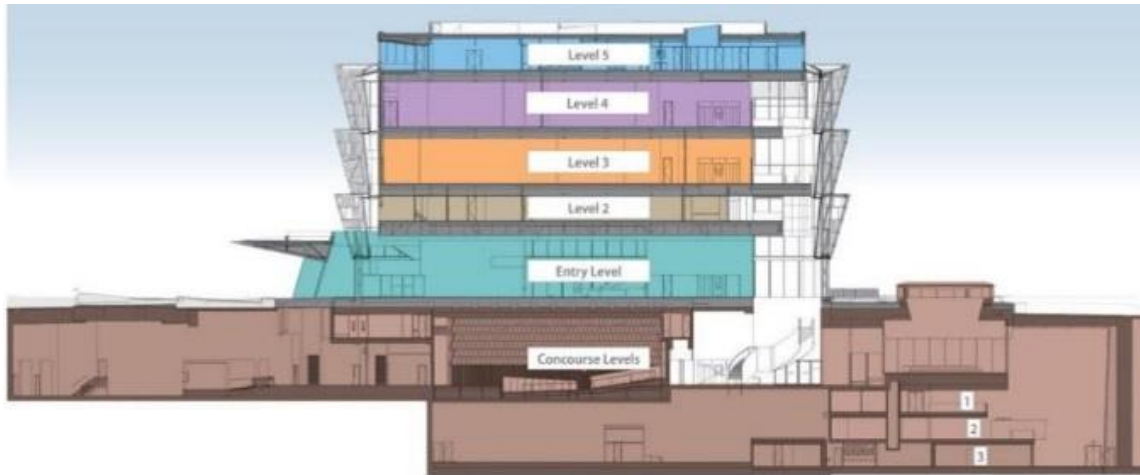




CHALLENGE: History Galleries

2011

- April 2011 Schematic Design Complete
- July 2011 New Concept for History Gallery



- Excavation extends to 70' below grade
- Redesign of Foundation and Sub-grade Exterior Envelope
- Location and Protection of Railroad Car and Angola Prison Tower





CHALLENGE: Relocation of Gas Line

2011

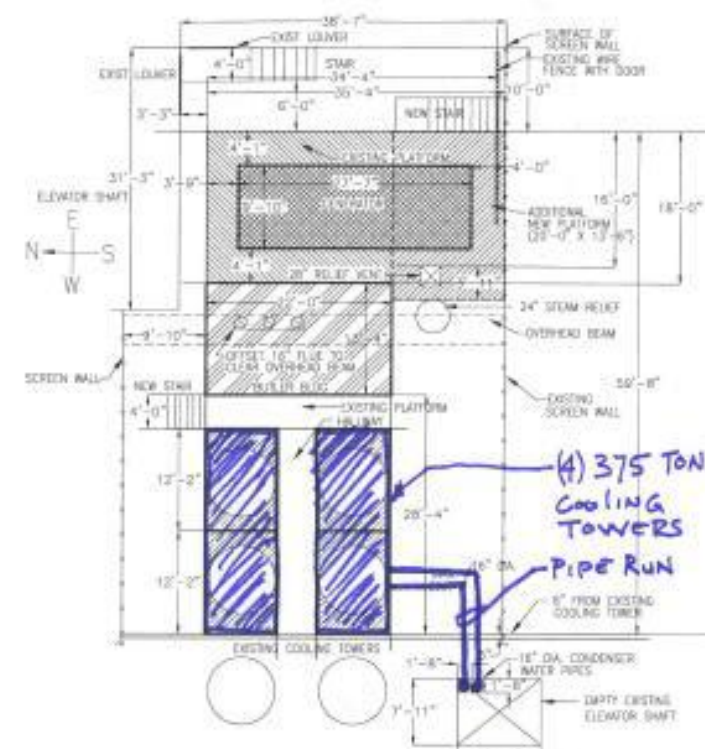
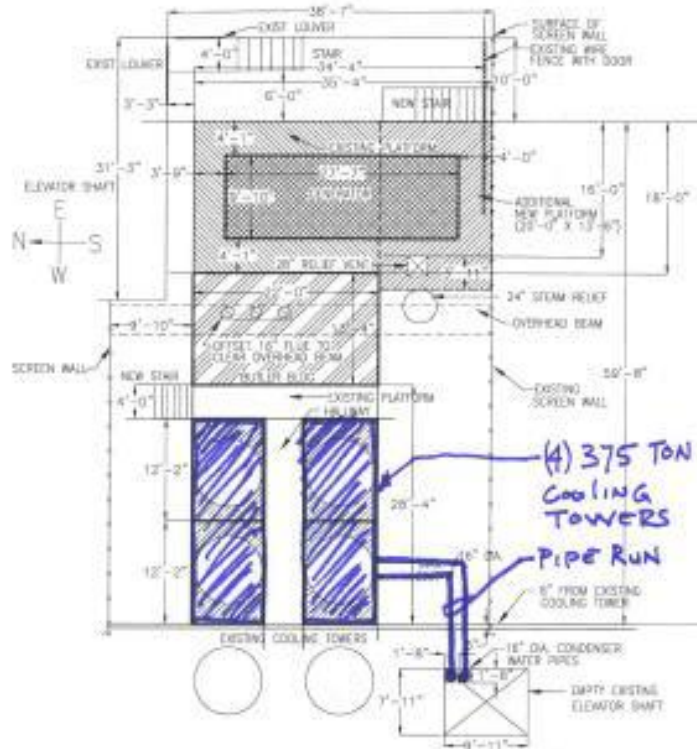
Site Preparation: Relocation of major gas line





CHALLENGE: Relocation of Cooling Towers

2011



- Studies to share NMAH capacity





DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION: Schedule Check-Up

2011

- April 1, 2011 Schematic Design Submission to SI
- Jan 2012 Site Utilities Package # 1
- Feb 2012 Groundbreaking Ceremonies
- April 2012 Support of Excavation Wall/Excavation Package #2
- April 2012 35 % Design Submission
- May 2012 Exterior Enclosure Design-Assist Package #3
- June 2012 Deep Foundation Piles Package #4
- Sept 2012 Concrete and Vertical Transportation Package #5
- Sept 2012 65% Construction Documents
- Jan 2013 Structural Steel Package #6
- Mar 2013 MEP/FP Package #7
- Aug 2013 100% CDs Complete
- Jan 2014 Exhibit Specific CDs 100% Complete
- Jan 2014 Interior Build-out & Site Work Package (GMP) #8
- Feb 2014 Conformed Set





CONSTRUCTION: Site Utilities Work Begins

January 2012



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Groundbreaking!

February 2012



- *February 22, 2012: President Barack Obama speaks at the Groundbreaking Ceremony with former First Lady Laura Bush, Smithsonian Secretary G. Wayne Clough, First Lady Michelle Obama, and NMAAHC Director Lonnie Bunch*

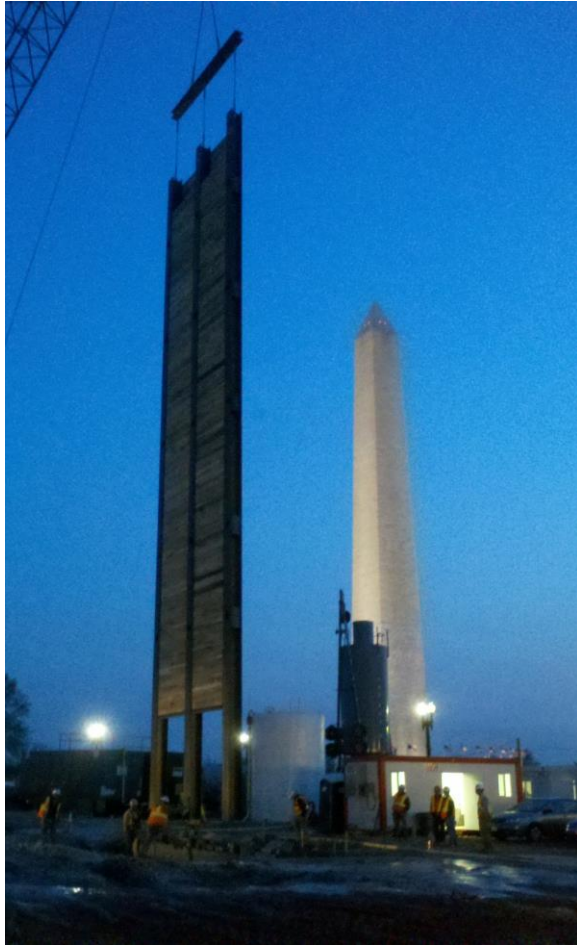


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CONSTRUCTION: SOE Wall and Excavation

April 2012

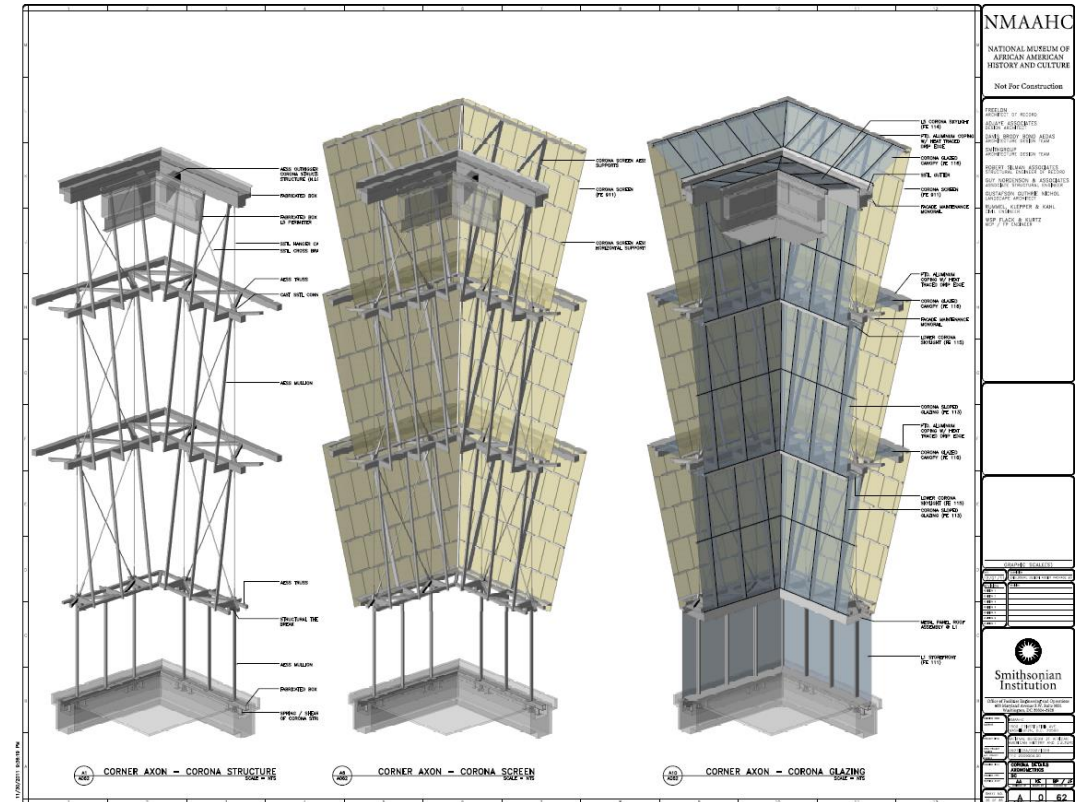




CONSTRUCTION: Design Assist for Exterior Enclosure

April 2012

- Exterior Enclosure was identified early as a long lead system for early procurement. It consists of:
 - Structural framing
 - Corona screen
 - Curtainwall system
- Design Assist for the exterior enclosure was incorporated in both the Design and Construction Contracts
- Design provided “intent” documents before 35%
- Issued to CMc for best value selection

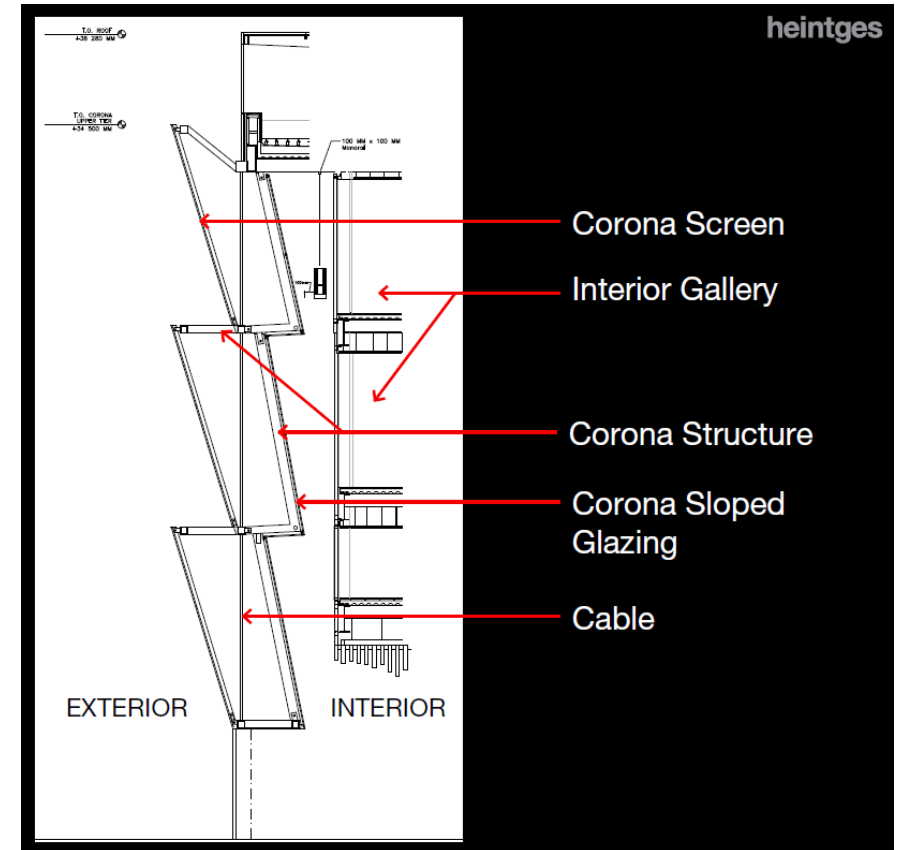




CONSTRUCTION: Design Assist for Exterior Enclosure

April 2012 - 2013

- Resulted in Changes in:
 - Corona
 - Structural Framing
 - Curtain Wall

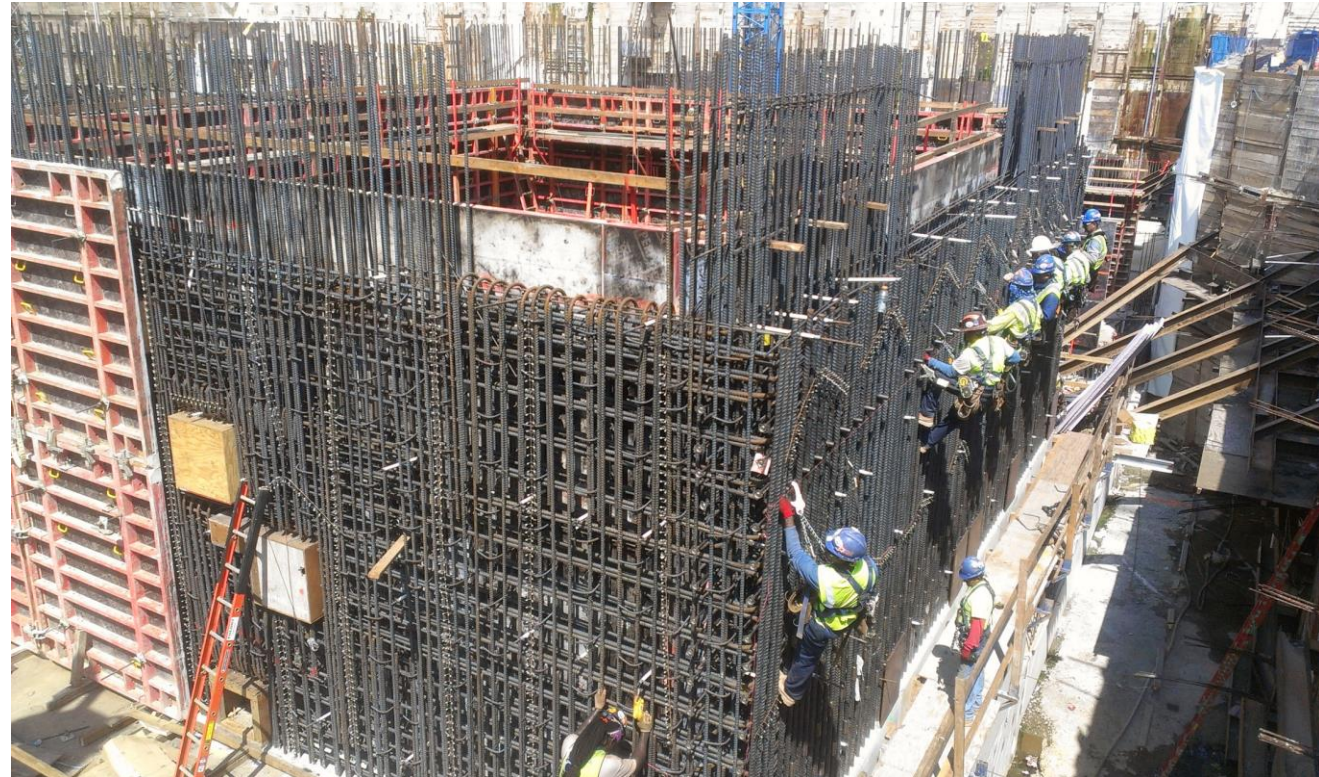


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CONSTRUCTION: Deep Foundation Piles & Concrete and Vertical Transportation

June – September 2012





CONSTRUCTION: Excavation and Foundation Walls

2012-2013





CONSTRUCTION: Structural Steel and MEP

January – March 2013



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CHALLENGE: Arrival of Large Artifacts

November 2013



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EXHIBITION DESIGN

2010 - 2014



Segregated Rail Car



Military History



Civil War



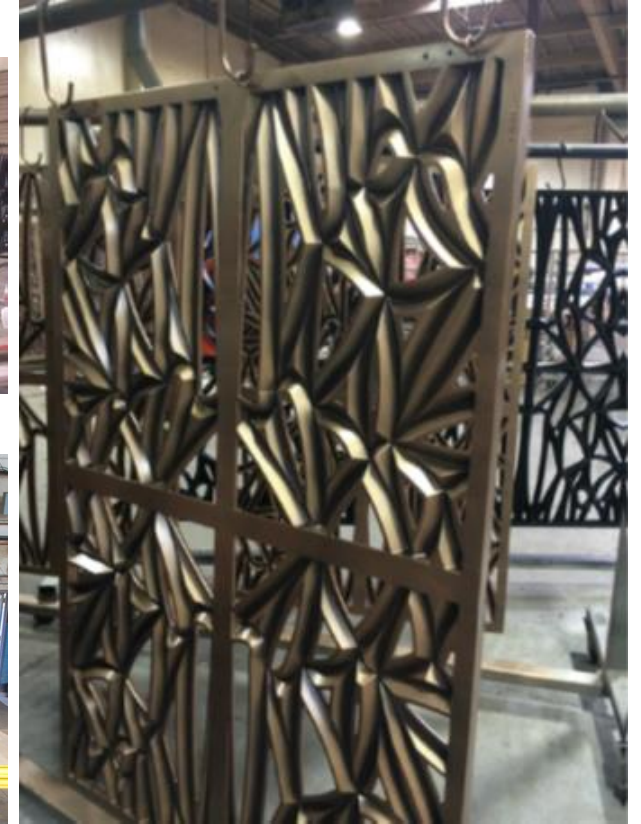
Middle Passage



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CONSTRUCTION: Corona Production and Finishing 2014-2016





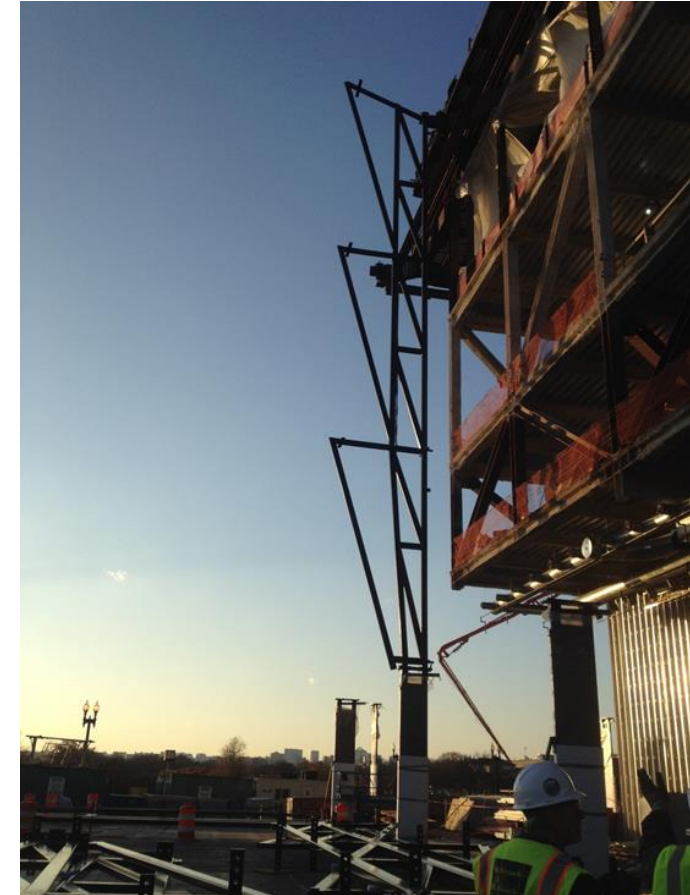
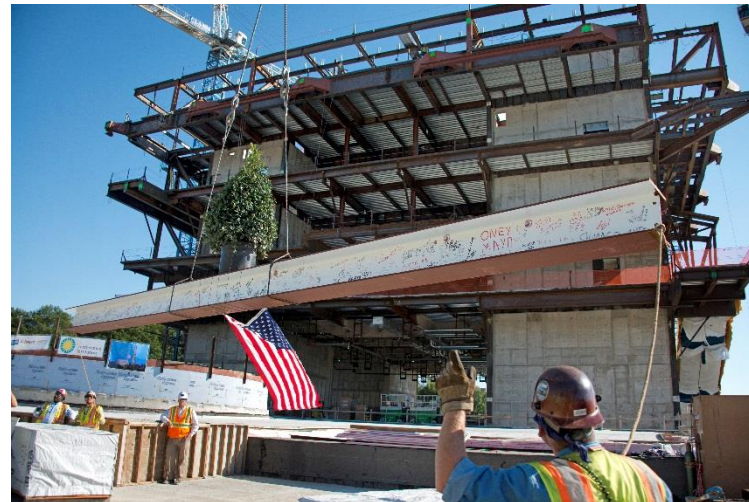
CONSTRUCTION: Completion Exterior Enclosure

October 2016





CONSTRUCTION 2014 - 2016



First Vertical Truss, Dec 2014

Installation of Cooling Towers





CONSTRUCTION: Porch Installation 2014 - 2016



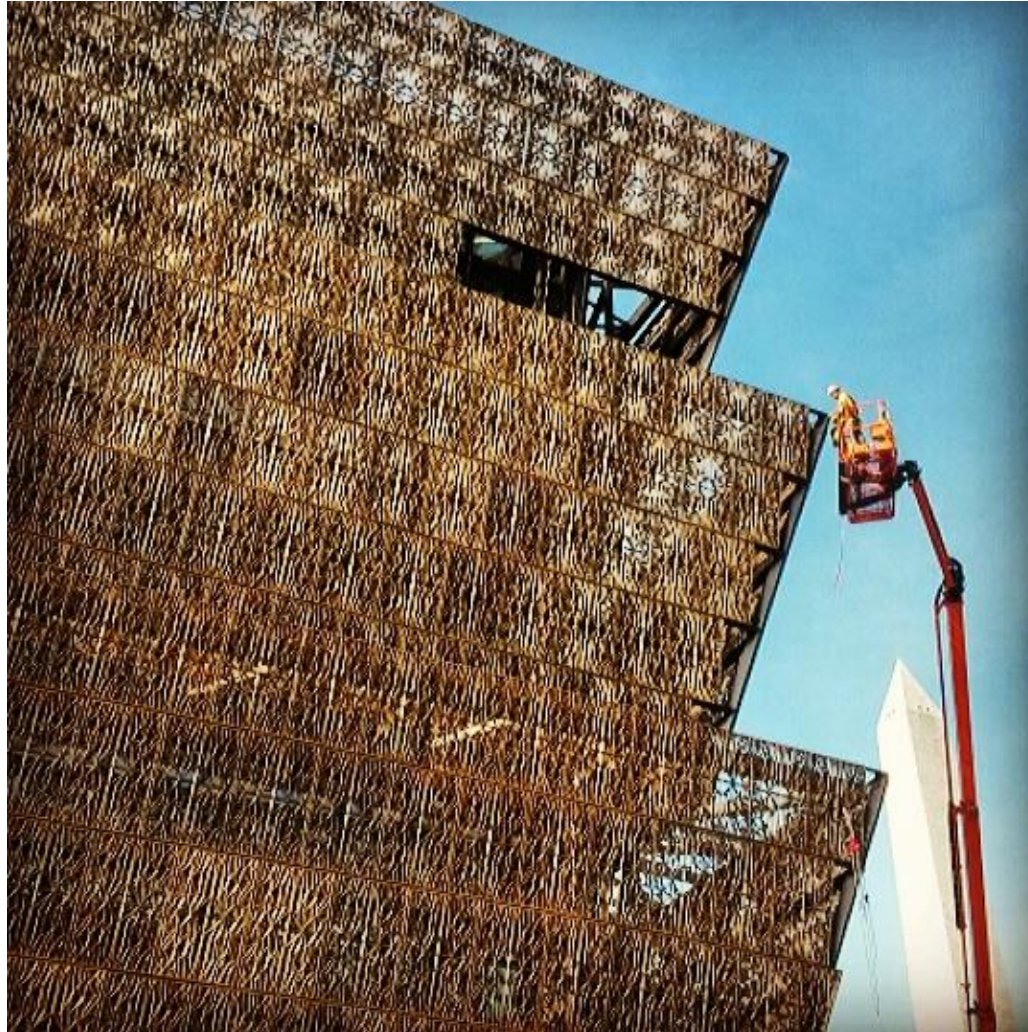


CONSTRUCTION: Roof Installation 2014 - 2016





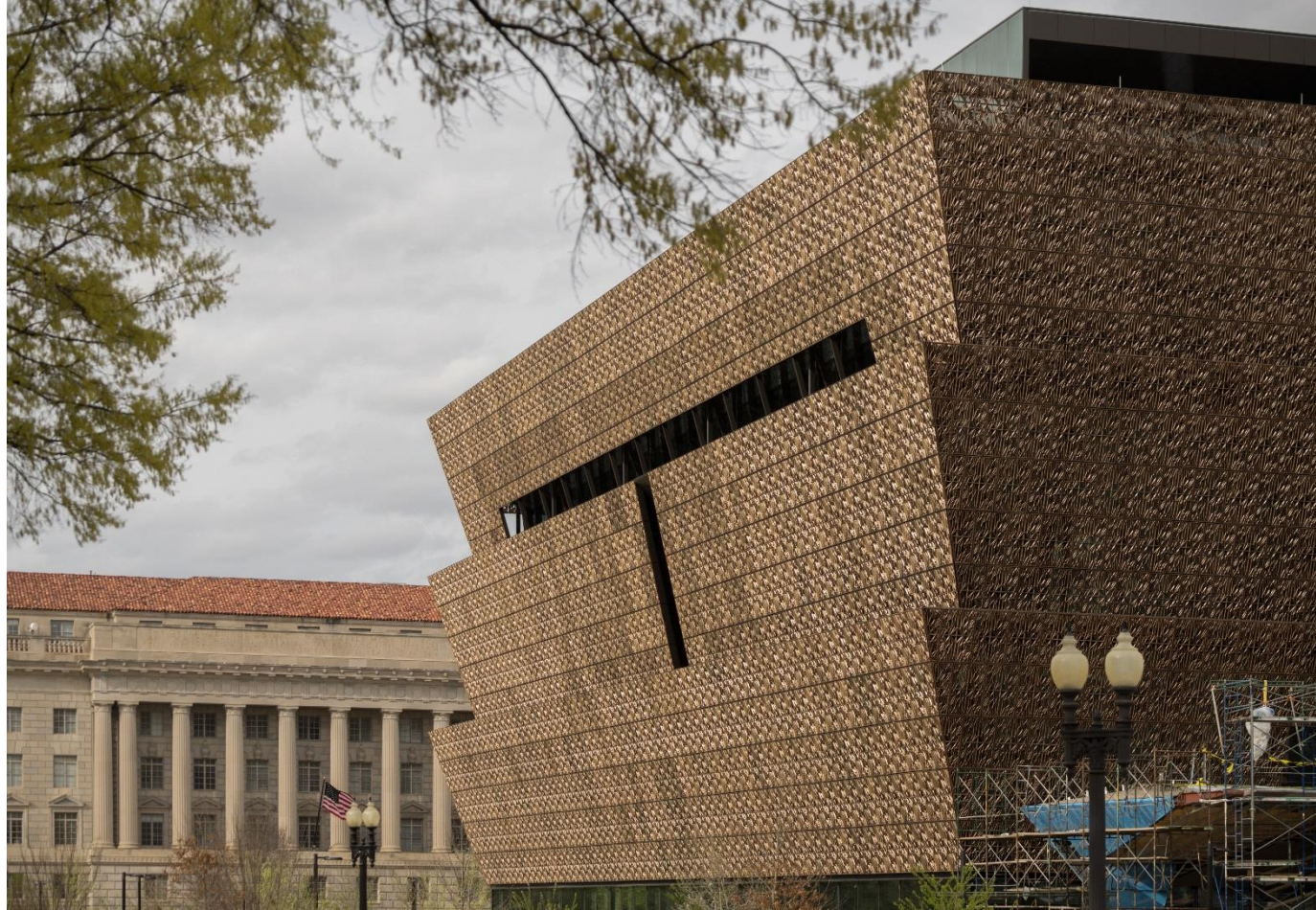
CONSTRUCTION: Panel Installation 2016





COMPLETION!

2016



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COMPLETION!

2016



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COMPLETION!

2016



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COMPLETION! 2016



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COMPLETION! 2016



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Credits

Credits:

Design Team

Architect of Record: **The Freelon Group**

Architectural Team:

The Freelon Group, David Adjaye Associates, Davis Brody Bond with the SmithGroup

Structural Engineering: Robert Silman and Guy Nordenson Associates

MEP/FP Engineering: WSP Flack and Kurtz

Civil Engineering: Rummel Keppler & Kahl

Landscape Design: Gustafson Guthrie Nichol Ltd.

Cost Estimating: Faithful + Gould

Security: ARUP

Specifications: Construction Specifications

Blast/CBR/Perimeter Security: Weidlinger Associates

Sustainability: Rocky Mountain Institute

Acoustics/Audio-Visual/Telecommunications: Shen Milsem Wilke

Theatre/Multimedia: Fisher Dachs Associates

Vertical Transportation: Lerch Bates

Lighting: Fisher Marantz Stone

Food Service: Hopkins Food Service

Hardware: Erbschloe Consulting Services, Inc.

Façade: R. A. Heintges & Associates

Construction:

Clark/Smoot/Russell

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